

Chairman Schultz and Committee Members:

I am testifying in favor of Assembly Bill 46 which repeals the World Dairy Center Authority. As you know, this entity is a creature of Wisconsin statute as created in 1991 and was a formal attempt to encourage centralization of the dairy industry in our state.

However, this entity is simply the shell of a plan that never materialized as the World Dairy Center Authority was originally developed as an institution that would, in large part, take the form of a physical location near the current Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) building. Subsequently, the area in question was never actually developed for this purpose as commitments from necessary players were never made or they didn't follow through with original plans.

Elimination of the World Dairy Center Authority is not related to the success of our annual World Dairy Expo and would simply clean up an old provision for an organization that doesn't exist for all practical purposes and remains inactive.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I would be happy to answer additional questions you may have.

Senator Glenn Grothman  
20<sup>th</sup> Senate District